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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Joey Kean Ho Kwong, DOB 8/27/64, of Stevens Point, Wisconsin, was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 12 months in prison for wilfully filing a false personal tax return for the tax year 2001. Kwong also must pay civil penalties, back taxes, and the cost of prosecution in his case. Kwong also faces the possibility of deportation to his native country of Malaysia after completing his sentence.

On November 10, 2005, Kwong pleaded guilty and admitted that in 2001 he filed a false personal tax return in which he understated the income he derived from his business, Hibachi Joe's, Inc., located in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

The case against Kwong was the result of an investigation conducted by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service. Prosecution of this case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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